

## REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are currently pending in the application, as amended. Claim 1 has been amended to point out that arms of the bracket arrangement are so shaped that they extend not in parallel arrangement from a ladder, but diverge, so as to provide inherent bracing by such geometric arrangement and a cross member is adapted to prevent the bracket and the ladder from moving sideways during use. Support for these amendments to claim 1 can be found in originally filed claim 17, in Figs. 8-13 and throughout the specification of the application. Therefore, no new matter has been added to claim 1 based upon the above-described amendments to claim 1. Claims 1, 4-7, 9, 10, 12 and 15 have been amended to correct grammatical and/or typographical errors, to place the claims in appropriate U.S. form and delete the multiple dependent claims in this application, thereby eliminating excessive claim fees. Such amendments are formal in nature and no new matter is added by any of the above amendments. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment and early examination of this application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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